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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: WALLIMANN et al.

Confirmation No.: 4809

Application No.: 09/769,404

Group Art Unit: 1617

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Examiner: S. Wang

For: METHODS OF TREATING BONE  
OR CARTILAGE CONDITIONS BY  
THE ADMINISTRATION OF  
CREATINE

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-296-999

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed June 7, 2004 ("Office Action"), and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and comments into the file of the above identified application. Entry of this amendment is respectfully solicited since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance, or at a minimum to reduce the issues for appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.